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APPLICANT: Richard J. Whitbourne et al : GROUP ART UNIT: 18615  
SERIAL NO: 09/834,307 :  
FILING DATE: April 12, 2001 : EXAMINER: R. Bennett  
TITLE: TARGETED THERAPEUTIC AGENT :  
RELEASE DEVICES AND METHODS : ATTY. DKT.: P-1663-1  
OF MAKING AND USING THE SAME :

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 16, 2002

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the office action mailed June 17, 2002 in the captioned application. Enclosed herewith, in a separate paper, is a petition for an extension of time to December 17, 2002 for reply to the office action.

**AMENDMENTS**

In the Claims

Amend claims 1-7, 9 and 12-14, and add new claims 18-22 as follows. Enclosed herewith, in a separate paper, is a version of each amended claim marked up to show the changes entered by the following amendments.

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1. (once amended) A medicated device comprising:  
a scaffold member suitable for implantation in a patient's body; and  
a polymeric coating on the scaffold member, the polymeric coating containing at least one therapeutic agent.
  2. (once amended) The device of claim 1 comprising an anti-cancer therapeutic agent in the polymeric coating.

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43	-20** = 14	9	126
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1253 920	2253 460	Extension for reply within third month	460.00
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1255 1,960	2255 980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
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1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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